

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 25, 2002

Members Present

Peter Bruzzo, M.D.
Cheryl Haas, M.D.
George Lindbeck, M.D.
John Potter, M.D.
Dave Garth, M.D.
Paul Rodriguez, M.D.
John Rawls, M.D.
Stewart Martin, M.D.
Sabina Braithwaite, M.D.
Kimberly Mitchell, M.D.
Carol Gilbert, M.D.

Others Present

Michael Berg
Tom Calogrides
Melinda Duncan
Larry Oliver
Jeffrey Reynolds
Scott Cormier
James McCorry, M.D.
Joseph Ornato, M.D.
Warren Short
Tom Nevetral
Ken Clark
Scott Winston

Dr. Martin called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM in the conference room at the Office of EMS.

Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as amended (Item #6 amended to read “Urban SAR, Disaster, Hazmat: Dr. Martin” and “Wilderness SAR: Dr. Gilbert”)...Passed.

Item 4): The Committee Chairperson was selected by the EMS Advisory Board and Dr. Martin will continue as the Chairperson.

Item 5): a. Rural EMS – A DRAFT of the *Rural EMS* position paper was reviewed and the committee recommended several changes. Attached is the revised paper that was written to assist the Office of EMS and the Commissioner of Health in evaluating applications for waiver of the requirement for an EMT to be in an ambulance where ALS care is provided.

b. Fluids Paper- will be reviewed and discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Item 6): **Motion made by Carol Gilbert and seconded by George Lindbeck to approve the FEMA/Disaster/Hazardous Materials list as submitted with the additions of the following:**

- 1. Derma bond**
- 2. Fluorescein**

Motion...Passed.

Melinda Duncan (Northern VA EMS Council) expressed the concerns of the physicians in Northern Virginia that existing Cardiac Technicians who presently perform RSI will not be allowed to perform that skill when they transition to the

Intermediate level. In response, the MDC is very concerned about Cardiac Technicians who are allowed to practice RSI in the field. It is felt by the MDC that RSI is outside the Cardiac Technician's scope of practice. The region's physicians were encouraged to submit their RSI program documentation to the committee for consideration.

Item 7): RN to Paramedic Bridge Program Committee minutes were distributed and discussed. The committee gave their approval to allow the pilot programs to begin and a report on the programs is to be brought back to the committee upon the completion of the programs.

Item 8): Scott Winston reported to the committee and reviewed a flyer on the 2002 Virginia EMS Symposium Medical Directors Course.

Item 9): Dr. Carol Gilbert advised that the physicians were working on the basic and experienced Medical Direction Program for the symposium.

Item 10): **The revision to the *Rural EMS* position paper was made available to the committee for further discussion. Motion was made by Dr. Peter Bruzzo to accept the paper as revised and it was seconded by Dr. Sabina Braithwaite. Motion...Passed**

Item 11): The Chairperson advised that he would submit a letter to the Office of EMS to request data on prehospital providers that operate under their license.

Administrative Guidelines T-150 was accepted by the committee with the amendment that the specialty teams would have a list of medications and procedures that will be specific for each team.

Carol Gilbert gave an update on the Tactical Rescue group pilot program.

Warren Short advised the committee that an offer had been made to an individual for the Quality Assurance position that will responsible for the Intermediate Accreditation application process. The position was turned down due to the starting salary and the position was re-advertised. One additional application was received who was not qualified and the position was offered to the previous applicant at a higher starting salary. The Office of EMS is now waiting to hear from the applicant.

An update on the ALS Curricula Rollouts and the Intermediate Accreditation process was discussed. The ALS Curricula Rollouts have been well received overall.

The next scheduled meeting of the committee will be January 21, 2003, 10:30 AM in the Office of EMS conference room.

Then meeting was adjourned.